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Your Mayor
Your South Yorkshire

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SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL ELECTION
Thursday 5th May 2022

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Introduction

On Thursday 5 May 2022, residents of South Yorkshire will be able to vote for the new Mayor of the South Yorkshire Combined Authority.

People who are registered to vote in local elections for any of the four councils in South Yorkshire (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) are eligible to vote in this election.

As the South Yorkshire Combined Area Returning Officer, I am required by law to send a copy of this booklet to every registered voter in South Yorkshire. This is to ensure that every voter is informed about the election, the candidates who are standing for election and how to vote.

This booklet contains the following important information:

- A list of every candidate standing in the election
- Information about the role of the Mayor
- Information about the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
- Information on the voting system
- Information on the different ways you can vote and completing the ballot paper
- An Election Address (political statement) from the candidates standing for election that have chosen to include one
- Contact details for further information and support

Dr Dave Smith

Combined Area Returning Officer,
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

The Candidates

There are 6 candidates standing for election for the Mayor of South Yorkshire.

All candidates you are able to vote for on 5 May 2022 are listed in alphabetical order below. This is the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

Candidate Name	Description
Bettney, David	Social Democratic Party
Biltcliffe, Simon	Yorkshire Party
Coppard, Oliver	Labour and Co-operative Party
Otten, Joe	Liberal Democrats
Watkinson, Clive	The Conservative Party Candidate
Whyman, Bex	The Green Party

Each Election Address included in this booklet has been supplied by the candidate and the views expressed in their address are theirs alone.

Lots were drawn to determine the order in which the Election Addresses appear in this booklet.

The Role of the Mayor

What does the Mayor do?

The Mayor is a major figure in the political life of South Yorkshire. They have a demanding and wide-ranging role representing 1.4 million residents. The Mayor acts to promote South Yorkshire as a place to live, work, visit and invest in.

The Mayor is a member, and Chair of, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) and is also a member of the South Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The Mayor leads on the delivery of the shared objectives of the Combined Authority to develop and grow South Yorkshire's economy and address our transport needs.

What powers does the Mayor have?

Your Mayor will make decisions here in South Yorkshire, which affect you every day and will shape our region's future. They have powers and money, which will be used to decide how we create jobs and grow our economy, how our public transport network is run, and developing new infrastructure and homes in South Yorkshire.

The Mayor also has the ability to bring together partners across the region to create inclusive and sustainable growth, ensuring investment is prioritised in a way that makes a real difference to the people of South Yorkshire.

How much funding is the Mayor and MCA responsible for?

The South Yorkshire MCA has a budget of around £470m to invest in economic development this year. This includes funding for transport, adult education, business support, the development of land for commercial and residential properties and flood protection.

Does the Mayor make decisions about my council?

No. Each of the four district councils in South Yorkshire provide the services needed and used by their local communities. The Mayor and MCA make decisions that impact on and improve the South Yorkshire economy including public transport, adult skills, infrastructure and business growth.

How long will the Mayor be in office?

The term for the Mayor is four years. The successful candidate will be elected for a four-year term, with another election taking place in May 2026.

How is the Mayor held to account?

The Mayor is ultimately held to account by voters through the election process. However, the MCA's Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinises the decisions and actions of the Mayor, their plans and activities, as well as the wider work and decisions of the MCA Board and MCA Executive Team.

The Role of the Mayoral Combined Authority

The South Yorkshire MCA was established in 2014 and the election of the first Mayor of South Yorkshire took place in 2018.

The MCA is a statutory body which brings together the four councils in South Yorkshire (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield). The Mayor and four local council Leaders make up the MCA Board and are supported by the MCA Executive Team.

In July 2020, the South Yorkshire Devolution Deal became law with more powers and funding devolved to the Mayor and MCA to support economic development, regeneration and transport functions to support and grow the local economy.

The Voting System

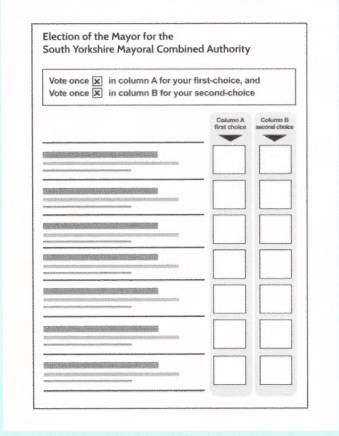
The voting system for the Mayoral election is different to most other local elections. In the South Yorkshire Mayoral election, you can have two votes: one for your first-choice candidate and one for your second-choice candidate. This is called the supplementary voting system.

This is how it works:

- If one candidate gets more than 50% of the first-choice votes, they will become the Mayor of South Yorkshire.
- If no candidate gets this majority, the two candidates with the most first-choice votes remain in the election and all other candidates are eliminated.
- The second-choice votes for the eliminated candidates are then counted, and any votes for the two remaining candidates are added to their first-choice vote totals.
- The candidate who then has the highest overall total of votes cast is declared the Mayor of South Yorkshire.

The result of the election will be declared after all votes have been counted on Friday 6 May 2022. You will be able to see the full results of the Mayoral election at southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/election.

Completing your Ballot Paper


Election of the Mayor for the
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

Vote once ☒ in column A for your first-choice, and
Vote once ☒ in column B for your second-choice

Column A first choice
Column B second choice

Please take time to read the instructions below, which provide more information on how to complete your ballot paper.

On the Mayoral election ballot paper, there are two columns. Column A is for your first-choice, and Column B is for your second-choice. You do not have to choose a second candidate if you do not want to.

- You can vote for your first and second-choice candidates.
- Vote for your first-choice candidate by putting an 'X' in the box in Column A next to their name.
- If you only mark a first-choice candidate your ballot paper will be valid and your first choice will be counted.
- Vote for your second-choice candidate by putting an 'X' in the box in Column B next to their name.
- For your second-choice to be valid, it must be different to your first choice.
- If you only mark a second-choice, your ballot paper will be invalid and your vote will not be counted.

How you can vote

1. Vote in person at your polling station

If you are registered and entitled to vote, you will receive a poll card or letter in the post before Polling Day on 5 May 2022. This will tell you the name and address of your polling station. You can only vote at the polling station stated on your poll card. If you haven't received a poll card or letter please contact your Local Electoral Services Office to check that you are registered to vote.

Polling stations will be open between **7am and 10pm on 5 May 2022** for you to vote. When you arrive at your polling station, you will be asked for your name and address by the staff. They will check that you are registered to vote and will give you a ballot paper. The staff can also help you understand how to fill out your ballot paper.

The majority of polling stations are accessible, but if you have any doubts about access to your designated polling station, or if you require any additional support to help you vote, please contact your Local Electoral Services Office. Large print versions of ballot papers will be displayed in polling stations and tactile voting devices will be available for the assistance of voters with visual impairments.

Polling stations will be following the latest guidance from Government and local Public Health officers on Covid-19 to protect voters and polling staff. Measures in place may include:

- Encouraging you to wear a face covering, unless you are medically exempt
- Providing hand sanitiser
- Encouraging voters to bring their own pen or pencil with which to mark their ballot papers

2. Vote by post

If you are on the electoral register you can vote by post instead of going to a polling station on 5 May. To vote by post, you will need to complete a Postal Vote Application Form and return it to your Local Electoral Services Office. You can either download the application

form at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/6197 or you can ask your Local Electoral Services Office to send you the form.

Your completed Postal Vote Application Form must be received by your Local Electoral Services Office no later than **5pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022.**

If you are already registered as a postal voter, your voting pack and ballot paper will be sent to you from 19 April 2022. If you are a new applicant, your postal vote will be sent around 25 April 2022.

When you receive your postal voting pack, please follow the instructions carefully. The completed ballot paper and postal voting statement should be placed in the return envelope in your pack. You must return your postal vote so that it reaches your Local Electoral Services Office by 10pm on Thursday 5 May 2022. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at any polling station in your local authority area, or your Local Electoral Services Office, up to 10pm on 5 May 2022.

3. Voting by proxy

If you are registered to vote but are unable to get to the polling station on Polling Day (5 May 2022), you can appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf.

If you would like to vote by proxy you will need to complete a Proxy Vote Application Form and return it to your Local Electoral Services Office. You must provide a reason for applying for a proxy vote and there are different application forms depending on the reason. You can find the right proxy vote application form for you at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-proxy or you can contact your Local Electoral Services Office for the correct form.

Your completed Proxy Vote Application Form must be received by your Local Electoral Services Office no later than **5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022**.

The person you appoint as your proxy must be aged 18 years or over and they must be registered to vote at the election. Please make sure that your proxy knows the candidate(s) you wish to vote for.

Joe Otten

Liberal Democrat mayoral candidate for South Yorkshire

Local champion Joe Otten has a track record of fighting for local people and standing up for his community.

He is a former software developer and small businessman. He has served Dore and Totley ward, in Sheffield, as a councillor for 11 years.

Now more and more people are backing him to bring change to South Yorkshire as their Metro Mayor.

1. **Getting our buses working.** Other regions have started using 'franchising' powers to make buses more reliable and frequent and simplify the ticketing. Joe believes South Yorkshire should too.

2. **More jobs.** Covid has changed the game, so Joe will invest in better apprenticeships that help young people learn a profession, and those who lost their jobs learn new skills.

3. **Warmer homes.** Joe will invest in the energy efficient homes we need, on brownfield sites, to save on fuel bills, reduce carbon emissions and protect the green belt.

4. **Backing business.** From start ups to high tech inward investment, Joe will support the businesses that will help South Yorkshire thrive.

5. **Ending the "we know best" way of doing things.** For too long our area has been taken for granted. Joe will bring you closer to decision making.

By giving Joe Otten your first choice vote on 5th May you can give South Yorkshire a fresh voice with new opportunities

TRUST
TRUTH
TRANSPARENCY

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Liberal Democrats

"I've seen South Yorkshire going from getting the first City Deal to being at the back of the queue and missing out on funding because local political leaders haven't got their act together."

On May 5th vote to give South Yorkshire a fresh start:

		1st preference	2nd preference
JOE OTTEN	Liberal Democrats	X	

Clive
WATKINSON

Your Conservative candidate for the South Yorkshire mayoral election.

South Yorkshire has always been Clive's home and he is passionate about his home county. He understands the people, the issues and what needs to be done to solve them.

Clive will be the strong voice South Yorkshire needs, and will take everyone with him rather than taking them for granted.

Our Government is focused on levelling up and Clive wants South Yorkshire to benefit from this. We have a huge potential here in South Yorkshire and as Mayor Clive will work to unlock that and create a real powerhouse that will benefit every single person and every business in the region.

To help this region grow and thrive, Clive will focus on improving our transport infrastructure, not just in Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, but across the whole area, including our links to Manchester and the North West.

He will also work to cut bureaucracy for both individuals and businesses, to reduce form filling, pointless meetings and increase action. Brexit has released us from EU bureaucracy and Clive will make use of that to create new opportunities for all.

Clive Watkinson
for South Yorkshire mayor

Conservatives

X

Clive's campaign will focus on:

- Improving our transport infrastructure
- Helping business make the most of global opportunities
- Working closely with the Government to improve the lives of everyone living and working here

Vote Clive Watkinson. Vote Conservative.

This statement has been prepared by Louisa Singh, Election Agent, South Yorkshire Conservatives, 9aHigh Street, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6BR on behalf of Clive Watkinson, address in Barnsley.

Together, we can restore the pride, purpose and prosperity of South Yorkshire.

I'm standing to be our next Mayor because I want to create a better future for South Yorkshire. The Conservatives have made countless promises to the North and failed to deliver. They've spent the last twelve years creating so many of the problems now faced by our communities.

I'm asking for your support to be our Mayor because we can only get what we need from this government and overcome those challenges if we work together. Together, we can rebuild the pride, purpose and prosperity of South Yorkshire.

We have no shortage of potential; we have two leading universities, businesses working at the cutting edge of advanced manufacturing and green technologies, world-class cultural assets, as well as heritage and landscapes that are the envy of the rest of the country.

I was born and raised here and I'm proud to still call South Yorkshire my home. That is why I care so much about our region, communities and future and why I'm so excited about the possibilities in front of us.

With your support, I will fight every day for that bright future, so we can realise our full potential.

Best wishes,
Oliver

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Oliver Coppard
STANDING TO BE SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S MAYOR

Vote Labour and Co-operative

Thursday 5 May

As South Yorkshire's Mayor, I will work every day to rebuild the pride, purpose and prosperity of our region. That means I will:

1. **Do politics differently**
putting communities at the heart of the decisions we make together.

2. **Build a better economy**
and create more, better paid jobs in the industries of the future.

3. **Develop a Clean Energy Strategy**
to bring down bills and find a path to energy security.

4. **Fix our buses**
so public transport is the efficient, effective public service it used to be.

5. **Bring more money, power and investment**
into our region, holding the government to account when needed.

Oliver Coppard
STANDING TO BE SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S MAYOR

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ABOUT ME

I grew up in Staincross, Barnsley and went to state primary and comprehensive secondary school in Darton.

I founded and built my successful Barnsley-based business, which now employs over 40 people. We are exceptional in the way that it distributes profits to its employees and wider society rather than to shareholders

I still live near Haigh and I'm a passionate environmentalist having planted over 10,000 trees in the past 7 years.

A MAYOR FOR ALL OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE

I want everyone here to fulfil their potential. I would be a relentless advocate for Yorkshire throughout the UK and the rest of the world, and bang the drum for our smaller towns as well as our cities and rural areas.

I come with no partisan political baggage but do bring the experience and skills of having built a successful business here. I want to help South Yorkshire be the most successful, happy and aspirational place it can be, and I have the track record to deliver, not just talk.

WHAT YORKSHIRE NEEDS IS REAL DEVOLUTION

Yorkshire deserves so much more political autonomy to get the investment and action we need – real devolution with fair funding and strong powers, like Scotland and Wales. This unlocks the potential of over £1600 PER PERSON rise in income with a devolved parliament- a real solution to the cost of living crisis. Only the Yorkshire Party is 100% committed to this - and electing me is a STRIDE towards this goal.

SIMON BILTCLIFFE

A PLAN THAT WORKS. A MAYOR WHO CAN DELIVER.

BUILDING BUSINESSES THAT THRIVE

As a local businessman myself, I know all too well many of the challenges businesses face in our area. As Mayor I will be a vocal, tireless and proactive champion for the whole county: to attract inward investment, to champion our existing businesses and to build the links of a strong 'economic ecosystem' to generate and support quality jobs throughout the county, to give us the society we all crave.

REBUILDING TRUST IN POLITICS

South Yorkshire has been appallingly let down by far too many of its politicians. I will be a different sort of elected leader - the most transparent one in the UK. If elected:

- **I will not accept a mayoral salary; I will donate it to charity**
- I will hold regular meetings across all four boroughs to ensure I hear views from all areas
- Wherever legally possible have a "Yorkshire first" policy for devolved spending to keep wealth in our community

IMPROVING SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S TRANSPORT

We need to make public transport as attractive as possible while must recognising the centrality and necessity of the private car to a great many people's lives. I would:

- Introduce a cross ticketing system, usable across all public transport providers
- Move towards making all buses electric or hydrogen powered as quickly as possible
- Work with neighbouring counties to make cross-border travel easier and cheaper
- Aim to make South Yorkshire a national leader in the provision of electric recharging points

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SDP

Social Democratic Party

The Social Democratic Party (SDP) is the fastest growing party in Britain. We're socially conservative, patriotic and economically left-leaning.

Family

A stable family life is the foundation of society. The epidemic of family breakdown has caused widespread suffering and has harmed the life-chances of millions of children. Government must support, defend and put the working family at the heart of national life.

Industry

We must re-industrialise.

The loss of our manufacturing base has lead to increasing inequality. Labour and the Conservatives have decimated public sector housebuilding, privatised our railways and sold off of the nation's ulitilies to foreign ownership - mistakes we must rectify. They've given us an ecomomic model based on debt but leaving future generations with huge borrowings is anti-social. We need an Industrial Policy to raise investment, rebuild our manufacturing base and reset our trade balance.

Nation

We believe in the nation-state - the home we've built and defended over centuries - but to succeed our society must possess some unifying values. We resist 'open borders' and argue for lower immigration in the interests of community relations, decent wages and the survival of our welfare state. We reject the current obsession with grievance and identity which divides people into hostile camps. We must bring the nation together.

Family Industry Nation

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David Bettney

For South Yorkshire Mayor

I grew up on a Council estate in South Yorkshire and served in the British Army for 22 years. I reached the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major and saw action in Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. I've spent the past 12 years in the commercial sector building businesses in Yorkshire and the Middle East.

The SDP is growing fast. People are crying out for a serious, commonsense alternative to Labour and the Tories. South Yorkshire needs projects not politics. Action not words.

The Conservative party has gutted British industry and is too weak to speak up for the traditional family. It has conserved next to nothing and has put everything up for sale.

Labour abandoned working men and women long ago. I think it now cares more about gender-neutral toilets than well paid jobs. Labour's leader took a knee for BLM and I believe his party failed South Yorkshire by not dealing properly with the Rotherham grooming-gang scandal. Really, if you struggle to define what a woman is - how can you protect them?

The SDP's vision is for a strong, independent Britain based on supporting family life and rebuilding our manufacturing base. Our bloated university sector needs to be slimmed down. Instead, prioity should be given to appreticeships and vocational skills training. We urgently need real jobs to produce real things.

David Bettney

SDP Candidate for South Yorkshire Mayor

SDP
Social Democratic Party

My Pledge:

"I will clean up our towns and cities and select flagship historic sites for regeneration. Homelessness and begging shames us. I will establish a task force to develop secure hostels for rough sleepers."

sdp.org.uk

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BEX WHYMAN FOR MAYOR

THE POWER OF GOOD IDEAS

VOTE GREEN PARTY

DECENT HOMES FOR EVERYONE

There are homes across South Yorkshire standing empty when they could be warm, affordable places to live. Refurbishing old homes and creating new homes, in the right place, would provide quality jobs for a **#GreenFuture.**

OUR ENVIRONMENT FIRST

A Green Mayor can be counted on to put our environment first. I will protect our precious green spaces by pushing for the re–development of brownfield sites first, Our environment will be at the heart of every decision made in our region.

SAFER STREETS

Bringing buses back under public control leads to better services. I will push for the electrification of main lines and for more funding for regional rail services. I will also ensure new infrastructure for safe walking and cycling is provided.

1000S OF GREEN JOBS

Green jobs will be vital in the post–pandemic society. Investment in green transport and housing will provide a massive increase in new types of jobs and skills. To develop training and skills. I will provide new apprenticeships.

Please get in touch if you want to know more or would like a poster.

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Bex Whyman is a full time Senior analyst and parent with experience of being the only woman in a room making her voice heard.

"I know we have so much work to do."

"Residents are crying out for people they can trust who will stand up for what is right and I am ready to serve you and our region as your **Green Mayor."**

Green Party

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Further Information and Support

Information on the role of the Mayor, the Mayoral Combined Authority and obtaining this booklet in an alternative format

If you would like to know more about the election, the Mayor, the Mayoral Combined Authority or if you require this booklet in another format such as large print, braille, or in another language, please phone our freephone helpline on 0808 178 6767 or go online to: southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/election.

Information on the Mayoral candidates

If you want more information about the candidates standing for election, please contact the candidates directly on the details shown in their Election Address.

Information on registering to vote, polling stations, postal voting and proxy voting

The Local Electoral Services Office in the council area where you live can provide more information about registering to vote, applying for a postal or proxy vote and local polling stations. The contact details for the local offices are listed opposite.

Local Electoral Services Offices

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Telephone: 01226 773070
www.barnsley.gov.uk/elections

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Electoral Services
Legal and Democratic Services
Civic Office
Waterdale
Doncaster DN1 3BU
Email: electoralservices@doncaster.gov.uk
Telephone: 01302 736874
www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Electoral Services
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Telephone: 01709 336010
www.rotherham.gov.uk/elections

Sheffield City Council
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